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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/625,102
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For: PRESTRESSED, STRONG FOAM GLASS TILES
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Our File: 50699/11

Dear Sir:

On behalf of Appellant, we are writing to request that oral hearings for the above-referenced application and its divisional application (Appl. No. 11/607,412; Appeal No. 2010-008278) on appeal be consolidated and conducted at the same time.

The above-referenced application is currently on appeal based on the Notice of Appeal filed on September 3, 2009. Appellant filed an Appeal Brief on March 1, 2010, and in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed on June 2, 2010, a Reply Brief is being submitted herewith. In addition, Appellant is also filing a Request for Oral Hearing.

A division of the above-referenced application, Application No. 11/607,412 ("the '412 Application"), is also currently on appeal from final rejection by the same Examiner for the above-referenced application. The '412 Application has been assigned Appeal No. 2010-008278. Appellant also filed a Request for Oral Hearing for the '412 Application on February 26, 2010.

In view of the substantial overlaps between the subject matters and prior art at issue involved in the appeals of the two foregoing applications, it is respectfully requested that both cases be heard by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in oral hearing at the same time.

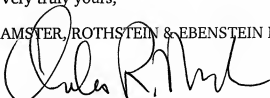
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